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Every student should subscribe for not less than two or more than 500 annuals.

The question, "Is co-education for the best" will be discussed in the next issue and THE STENTOR would be glad to hear the ideas of the Students on the question.

It seems to us that another year THE STENTOR should have a "local habitation and a name." If it could have an office in one of the University buildings, it would make matters much easier for all concerned. All contributions could be left there, the different college periodicals could be kept on file for students to read, the different departments would all be together, and ye editor would have a place to perch his feet on the mantle piece and look supremely wise.

In connection with the article on Base ball in this number we would like to offer another

suggestion for increasing the interest in the game. It is an old adage that "competition is the life of trade." It is also a well known fact that when there is some goal to strive for, there is always better work and more interest. In order to increase the interest here in the game, we would suggest therefore that a class league be formed, consisting of the four college classes and the fourth form of the Academy; that officers be elected and a regular schedule be made out; and at the end of the season a pennant or prize be given the champion team. We realize that '92 would have a hard time picking a team from its own number, but by the courtesy of the other classes she might be allowed to pick some players from the Academy below the fourth form. The game would in this way become of vital interest to all, and the enthusiasm thus raised would materially assist the Varsity nine and spur its members on. The schedule could be so arranged as not to conflict with Varsity or Second nine games. Enthusiasm is what we must have, and this seems the best way to enthuse.

There is nothing which gives a man more satisfaction in after life than the possession of a good library, and the way to obtain that library is to begin *now* and buy books with that object in view. When purchasing a volume, stop and think whether it will *add* to your library or simply serve to fill up. How often is a man judged by his reading and how much is a man influenced by it? In college, one has very little time to devote to outside reading and it is a temptation to rest the mind by perusing something light or trashy. Not that there is no place for light reading, for there is, but it should not be

read exclusively. Gladstone's ideas on this subject are certainly worthy of imitation. He says "Let your reading be as wide as possible. Read three or four books at once. Let one be deep and philosophical, another on history, a third poetry, a fourth fiction and so on. When the mind tires of one, turn to another and rest it. Do not *force* yourself to read when not in the humor." One's taste for good reading must be cultivated the same as anything else and now is the time to acquire that taste. The more varied a man's reading, the broader his views and the better his knowledge. One who reads poetry exclusively becomes sentimental; one who peruses nothing but fiction becomes superficial; one who is devoted to nothing but philosophy becomes too deep and learned to stoop to common conversation. Therefore in collecting your library see that you cover as many fields of literature as possible and by all means eliminate trash whether of a heavy or light nature. Then you can point with pride to something that not everyone can boast of.

There are some prospects of a war with Chile and if that arrogant little country continues its insolence, affairs will come to a crisis. Suppose such a war were to take place and volunteers were to be called for. Which do you think would respond more quickly and leave his post to fight for his country sooner, the college bred man or the ordinary business man who looks with contempt on college? We may be prejudiced, but we are of the opinion that the former class would be of greater service to their country, in proportion to their numbers, than the latter. It is said by some that college makes a man effeminate, airy, dissipated, and causes him to look with contempt on those less educated; that it saps the bravery, patriotism, and independence of the American youth, and makes them a lot of bullies. This is so utterly untrue of the rank and file of

college men as to be utterly ridiculous. College broadens a man's views, it adds to his culture, it shows him the true object of life, it broadens his sympathies. Because there are a few idiots who get into Universities, as they do in everything, and disgrace it, is the whole order to be judged by them? Who are the men who are fitted to lead the nation and shoulder its responsibilities? Are they not the University men? Look over the country and notice those men who are high in office and known for loyalty and integrity. They are college men, proud of their college, proud of their country. There is no braver, more loyal, more unselfish a set of men, as a rule, than those who once yelled and worked for their college. Let there be a call for volunteers and the American colleges will furnish those men who will be seen in the front ranks.

ANOTHER REMEDY FOR EXAMINATIONS.

Dear Stentor:

The report in the last number of the Stentor of faculty opinions as to examinations represents me truly so far as I expressed myself. But allow me to go further, and to say that if examinations were discontinued I should wish to remodel the present system of class work through the term. I should wish to do what you know has been attempted with the Junior class in historical work this year—require a thesis from each member of the class somewhere in the term's work, so as to give each one the opportunity for continuous thinking, and so bring into play the constructive faculty over some narrow but complete field of thought. In this way the comparative and synthetic process of the mind would, in my judgment, be more happily employed than by the conventional examination, which must either confine itself to a few specific questions which one good student may happen to answer and

another may not, or else must seek in several hours at most to recapitulate the work of months. The one alternative leads to discontent, the other to despair.

JOHN. J. HALSEY.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE BASE-BALL SITUATION.

A FEW POINTS TO BE REGARDED.

As the base-ball season of '92 approaches, there comes with it a feeling to every student that it must be the turning point in our base-ball history. In former years, the season has opened sometime in April; the teams of the other colleges in the league, or rather the candidates, have gone into training and gymnasium work in the winter; have employed a coacher; and every position on the team has been left open to competition. Our teams have never done these things. We have had no place for winter practice and accordingly our men have never handled a ball until, perhaps, within three weeks of the first scheduled game. A coacher out here has been an unheard of thing. The men have gone out on the field, and batted grounders and flies to each other and imagined they were practicing. While *theoretically* the positions on the team have been open to competition, *practically* they have not been, because there have been generally about nine or ten men who could play ball a little better than anyone else; the positions were dished out to them the first thing and there ended the competition and work. Men knowing their positions were sure, could laugh at any threats from the captain. They well knew their places could not be filled. There has heretofore been no system of rules governing players; there have been no practice games. Accordingly our men have gone on the field in league games feeling their weakness, and, not having had experience and practice, have become "rattled," and been beaten.

This year there is to be a radical change. We have a gymnasium. There is no longer any excuse for not getting into condition. Candidates are to be *required* to put so much time each day in the gym. The *strictest* discipline is to be maintained and, when we say this, we are not repeating some time honored adage, but stating exactly what the new management intend doing. Another thing, before we can ever hope to have a winning nine we must secure a coacher. There is absolutely no getting around it. There are a thousand points in base-ball that only a coacher can teach.

An important factor in this year's base-ball will be the second nine. This is to fill the same place that the second eleven did in football. In this way, there will be two teams and two men for every position. The men on the regular nine may at any moment, for failure to work or careless playing, be laid off, and men from the second nine take their places. Thus competition will play a prominent part. The second nine is to be managed and captained entirely separate from the regular team. Harry Goodman, of the Sophomore class, is manager of the regular 'Varsity nine. George W. Ellis of the Junior class, is captain of the 'Varsities, and Henry Marcotte of the Junior class, captains the second nine. The captains and manager have hard work cut out for them and will have to "hustle," but THE STENTOR and students have full confidence in them and believe they will bring us success.

But by far the hardest question to settle, is the money question. In order to put a good nine in the field, a nine that will do credit to the university, there must be money back of it. How is this to be obtained? Some suggest entertainments. Entertainments as a rule take a large amount of time and worry and give a very small reward. "Then," others will suggest, "take around a subscription paper." This is an old time-honored scheme and every one hates the sight of a

subscription paper. This fact remains: three hundred dollars must be raised! The scheme that the management propose for obtaining this is very simple and if it can be effected will do away with subscriptions to a great extent. The plan suggested by Manager Goodman is this:—almost every student pays from one to five dollars a year toward athletics. This would make the average \$3 a year. It is a well known fact that athletics advertise a college better than anything else. Why don't the trustees knowing this do something to support them? If they will add one dollar to the term bill of *each student* for athletics, or charge \$2 a term gymnasium fee and turn over *one dollar* to the athletic association, it will solve the entire financial question as related to both foot-ball and base-ball. Or by dropping this fee in the winter term the amount paid in would be but \$2 a year for each student! This will do away with admission fees to games, and season tickets. Then with the bulk of the money raised in this way, ask the towns people to subscribe. But *don't* have them pay the bulk, as they have before, and have it said that the students are less loyal than the towns people. It may be too late to put the scheme in force this term, but if every student will feel that he is called on for *one dollar* and will *pay it*, it will amount to something. If any one is unable to pay, in the opinion of the committee, their fee will be paid by some one who can. The students here have never been so enthusiastic in the support of athletics as they should be. Remember, students, that the team must have your hearty support and good will, and also remember that in the hour of defeat, the player feels it much more than you can and your duty is to cheer him up and not to step on him and revile him behind his back. Let it be said that the students left nothing undone that would assure the team of '92, success.

F. C. S. '93.

RUNNING DOWN JAY GOULD.

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN REPORTORIAL LIFE.

That was an admirable story in a recent STENTOR on what a reporter's life is like. A reporter has enough interesting experiences in one week to fill a good sized book.

One hot day last July, while I was reporting for *The Chicago Tribune*, the city editor gave me an assignment as follows: "Go out and interview Jay Gould on his 'joint agency scheme'."

Those were the only orders I had to work on. Before proceeding with my assignment I must dig around in my head for the following "pointers:" Where in all of big Chicago was I to find Jay Gould; how was I to persuade a man who is said to hate a reporter as he hates nothing else, to talk; and what was I to talk about when I gained hold of him? The words "joint agency and scheme" presupposed that I had read everything in the papers on railway matters for six months, which I hadn't. And let me say in passing, that more than any other business, newspaper work requires a knowledge of everything current in the world of men and things.

It occurred to me that Gould would be most likely to stop at the Grand Pacific Hotel, as that is the rendezvous of men of his stamp. Thither I went and plied the clerks with queries for the reluctant Gould.

The clerks shook their heads. No Gould was either in or out of sight. By hanging around and making the clerks miserable, information was at last forthcoming to the effect that the "Wizard" had sent his "respects" to the hotel with the significant remark that he would not stay there this time in order to avoid newspaper men. He would stay in his private car. Here was a damp, cold blanket for me, hot as the day was. However two things were certain: Mr. Gould

was in his car and that car was in Chicago.

I hastened to the Rock Island railway offices as likely to hold some news of Gould's where-a-bouts. After several clerks had been plied with questions relative to the wily "wizard," I learned that there was a bare possibility of his car's being somewhere in the Michigan Central yards. Considering that said yards were at least five miles long, that was delightfully definite. I took a cab and rattled away at full speed to the Michigan Central depot. None of the officials could give me any information as to the Gould private car, so I started down the track south through the yards, on a still hunt of my own with luck as my guide. About two miles from the main Michigan Central depot (or more properly lack of depot) I found a passenger car on a side track along side of some unsuspicious looking cattle cars. A negro with a white cap on his head, stood on the platform of the car and I accosted him with, "My good man, is this Mr. Gould's car?"

"No sah, I doan know nuffin about any Mr. Gould's car."

But I was pretty sure of my game by this time, and proceeded to the other end of the car. Inside the open door sat the man whom, from pictures I had seen of him, I recognized as Jay Gould. When I attempted to enter the car I was confronted by a decidedly dignified functionary in the shape of Mr. Gould's private secretary, and on making myself known as a reporter for *The Tribune* I was summarily informed that Mr. Gould was not to be seen. It never does for a reporter to be sensitive about the commands of the ordinary private secretary. I began to fire my questions over the secretary's head at Mr. Gould.

At length he said to the secretary, "Let him come in."

Mr. Gould is not the crusty old crumb of wretchedness he has been painted, so far as I am concerned at least, for I found him easy to talk to and his responses fair and full. He

was attired in a blue coat, very thin, shabby looking trousers, wore some faded red slippers, had on neither collar nor neck-scarf, black whiskers with sprinkles of gray therein, and a head, the top of which was bald as the side of a Hubbard squash.

After he had given me some readable talk on the "joint agency scheme," he told me I might say that he was not feeling well and that he was on his way to the Rocky Mountains in search of health. I had some further conversation regarding the relative merits of New York and Chicago as a summer resort with Mr. Howard Gould, Mr. Gould's youngest son, whom I found an interesting and kindly disposed young man. I did not leave the car till I saw it speed away behind a Rock Island engine which would bear it safely away from the reach of any other newspaper reporter in Chicago. I went back to the *Tribune* office feeling that I had "scooped" *The Herald* and the rest of the mob, and also feeling that, while Jay Gould had undoubtedly used *The Tribune* to further his own interests, I had fooled him in his little scheme to escape "the boys." W. E. DANFORTH, '91.

THE STUDENTS SPEAK.

To the Editor:

I notice in the last number of THE STENTOR, a member of the faculty spoke of Amherst as a college which had done away with examinations. Permit me to say that this plan is in successful operation much nearer home, at the University of Wisconsin. The faculty there have adopted the system of allowing one-tenth absences from recitations, and omitting final examinations, except when the class standing is below 85 per cent. The plan is said to work to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

At the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, examinations have also been dropped. B. '94.

A STUDENT'S VIEWS.

Examinations do not necessarily prove what a student really knows about a subject, as every one can see. His paper may be the result of a term of steady, faithful labor; or of a previous night's toil.

"Examinations," it is said, "harmonize the part with the whole, and afford an abstract of a subject." But what are our indispensable reviews for, if not for just that purpose? Surely if a student does not receive these good results in the review, it is indeed foolish to seek for them in an examination. Every professor in our college knows our individual abilities. Then, if all students whose term standing was above, say 85 per. were excused, it would without doubt give a healthy stimulation to faithful daily work.

A. P. B. '94.

FACULTY LECTURES.

SOMETHING OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS.

In reply to inquiries, the committee of the faculty which had charge of the petition for faculty lectures, reports that it is confidently expected to begin the course Monday, Feb. 1st. Dr. Seeley will at that time deliver a lecture on American Schools. Dr. Thomas will lecture Feb. 14. They will be continued throughout this and the first of next term, each alternate week. All arrangements as to order are not yet completed; but our ablest men will speak to us and will endeavor to furnish not only interesting but also highly instructive lectures.

It is to be hoped that this step towards a truer university will be followed by important consequences. Should it receive hearty support, we can show some reason for having a lecture fund established. Let each one feel it his privilege and duty to assist in making this new departure a perfect success.



COLLEGE.

"Philemon" has returned, entirely recovered from his illness.

We are waiting patiently for the shower baths to be fixed in the gym.

Rev. Mr. Linn, father of J. A. Linn '93, visited here the 24th and 25th.

W. E. Danforth '91 was present at the reception given by the Alethian Society.

Miss Flora Campbell of Milwaukee visited Miss Hattie Durand the past two weeks.

A dancing class has been organized in town, meeting once a week. Several students are members.

All anxiety has been allayed and the school has taken up its usual course again. "Stub" has returned.

Profs. Halsey and Smith have been confined to the house the past week, but are at present out again.

To fill the vacancy on the Annual Board caused by the resignation of C. A. Foss, W. B. Brewster was elected.

Saturday, Jan. 16, W. D. Curtis left town. His plans for the future are indefinite, but he expects to return next fall.

Thursday, Jan. 28, was the day of prayer for schools and colleges, and was observed with appropriate services morning and afternoon.

G. W. Wright has been compelled to spend most of his time in Chicago for the past week, on account of the severe illness of his mother.

Dr. Roberts returned from New York Saturday, where he has been president at the meeting of the committee for the revision of the creed.

All contributions and articles for the Annual have been handed in and work of revising and preparing for publication is being rapidly pushed.

It may be an interesting fact to students of Robert Burns, that the cottage of Mr. McCormick is modeled after Robert Burns' cottage in Scotland.

The officers of the Freshman class are: Pres., J. H. Rice; Vice-Pres., Miss May B. Stowell; Treas., F. J. Radecke; Seargent-at-Arms, E. U. Henry.

A jolly party of townspeople and professors drove down in a sleigh to Mrs. Brewster's at Glencoe the evening of Jan. 21, and report a very pleasant time.

Dr. Frank Wells lectured before the Royal Arcanum Jan. 25. The subject was Syria, and the lecture was a most pleasing one. Music was furnished by the Zeta Epsilon Glee Club.

Friday evening, Jan. 29, Prof. Mendel gave his lecture on "German Universities" before the Athenaeum Society. Quite a number of visitors were present, all of whom pronounced the lecture most enjoyable.

Great minds run in the same channel. Prof. W. N. Smith said: "Some races advance but little, such as the Hindoos." F. M. Skinner agreed with the professor, but gave the "Hoodooos" for his example of slow development.

The college organizations turned out in full force on Wednesday, Jan. 20th. They were after Photos. The *Annual* Board, STENTOR Staff, Base-ball Club, and Banjo Club had their "physogs" struck. Waukegan thought troops had arrived from Chile.

Monday night, Jan. 18, Miss Mame Pratt

gave a sleigh-ride to the Freshman class. After a fine ride, the party stopped at Mr. Fale's, where they listened to the phonograph and then returned to Mr. Pratt's, where they were regaled with an oyster supper and music by the various geniuses of the class.

Tuesday evening the 19th, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Rumsey gave a reception to the members of the Athenaeum Society. The evening was very pleasantly spent, a novel feature being the little fans with quotations. The boys sang and all pronounced it a delightful evening. Miss Buell of Chicago assisted in receiving.

Last year's base-ball team held a meeting Jan. 21, and elected George W. Ellis, Captain of the regular nine for the ensuing season. Henry Marcotte was elected Captain of the second team. Manager Goodman, Captain Ellis, and F. C. Sharon were chosen a committee to select the players. Work in the gym. will begin immediately. The probable candidates so far are Bloomington, McNary, Ellis, Hayner, Dysart, Bourns, Grant, Owen, Dewey, Lewis, and Wright. There will be a number of other but these are all of whom we have heard. There *should* be a large number. The more the merrier.

The Lake Forest Albino Club took Libertyville by storm Saturday evening, the 23d, and then something took the Albino Club by storm on the way home, to their intense delight. The way it all happened was this. The club drove into Libertyville in state in a rig belonging to the late lamented Mr. Dent, deceased. Having procured a license, (although the club was already wedded to the dramatic art) they proceeded to the hall where they gave such a show as the oldest inhabitant "hadn't never saw before." Having filled the good Libertyvillians with wild desires for college life, they proceeded to wend their way homeward. But somehow the way was hard to wend. About four miles from home, while the air was being

rent with the glad noises of the victorious showmen, the goodly rig of Mr. Dent, like the historical "one hoss-shay," with a sudden groan of anguish, parted from its wheel and fell on its side. The club unwilling to leave their vehicle went over with it. Words cannot describe the scene that ensued. When Mr. Crozier extricated himself from his hat, he found he had been standing on his head on Mr. Rumsey's back much to that gentleman's amusement; Mr. Radecke was assiduously working to jam his foot down Mr. Flint's mouth; Mr. Brewster's "off" eye became mixed up with the earth; while Mr. Zimmerman was found at the bottom of the heap still "being determined to be an old maid." After much regretting that Mr. Dent was not present, they hoofed it home and nothing was left but a huge pile of Sunday School words. The wind continued to sough through the trees (the wind around there is quite a sougher, although in this case it wasn't the only thing that suffered) and the Albino Club continued to walk. However almost all of them are back by this time, Radecke being the last man. But he forgot his joke and had to go back after it, which caused his delay.

FERRY HALL.

Mr. McIntosh spent a day last week with his sister.

The Misses Gault visited old Ferry Hall friends Jan. 25th.

Miss May Holmes spent Sunday, Jan. 17, with Miss Rhoda Clark.

Miss Fuuck and Miss Orcutt spent Sunday, Jan. 24, at their homes.

Miss Barnum and the Misses Dillon returned Monday, Jan. 25.

Miss Conger spent Sunday, Jan. 24, in Chicago with Miss Greenlee.

Miss Pearl Tilford, an Aletheian of last year, came up to the reception.

Miss Watson is back again, after a week's absence on account of her eyes.

Miss Kisting has been confined to her room for several days with LaGrippe.

We join with Dr. Seeley in welcoming Mrs. Seeley after her long absence.

Miss Lilian Robinson and Miss Hedges spent Sunday, January 24, with their friends at Ferry Hall.

Our latest yell — Ferry Hall, Hall, Hall! Rah! Rah! Rah! Hobble-gobble, razzle-dazzle! Phiz! Boom! Bah!

Miss McCord, who has been confined to her room for the past week, is once more able to be about the house.

We wish to congratulate the young men who have been fortunate enough to win the hearts of two of our sweetest Alethians.

German is flourishing now in Ferry Hall. There are two tables, at which nothing but that language is spoken, the advanced, presided over by Miss Conger, and the beginning, by Miss Searles. German evening has also been resumed and an entertainment is to be given in the near future.

A very enjoyable program was rendered Friday evening at the Nu Beta Kappa society meeting.

Vocal Solo—"Jonathan".....Miss Hall
 Recitation from Julius Cæsar....Miss Jean Smith
 Harp Solo.....Miss Ruth Smith
 Exhibition of Delsarte Movements.....
Miss Rhoda Clark
 Debate—"Resolved that the "Mills Bill" would be detrimental to the Country." Affirmative—
 Blanche Wiser, Negative—Mae Barnard.
 Instrumental Duett—"Chop-sticks".....
Bessie McWilliams and Mildred Lyon

The reception given by the Aletheian Society the evening of Jan. 22nd, was one of the most enjoyable receptions ever held in the Seminary. The parlors and recitation

rooms were very tastefully decorated and the Aletheians made charming hostesses. The reception committee were Dr. Seeley, Miss Robinson, Miss Beatrice Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Chaffee, and Mr. Zimmerman. Conversations of one minute were the leading feature, the boy conversing with the greatest number of girls receiving a prize. G. W. Wright received the first prize and B. R. McHatton the "booby." The boys enjoyed it thoroughly as did the "favored Senus."

ACADEMY.

TRI KAPPA.

We are sorry to hear that A. C. Davison has left school.

Ed. Crilly is now attending Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

Prof. Mendel is to lecture to the societies after the preliminaries are over.

Mr. Buck, who sings tenor, was laid up with a severe headache on the 25th.

We hear Judson Williams is a shark when it comes to playing the "funnel trick."

Dr. McClure kindly made a short address to the fellows in prayer meeting Jan. 12.

Fales, Morris, and Roberts have all been laid up recently with slight attacks of the grippe (?).

Prof. Burnap had the pleasure of a visit from his brother recently, and also enjoyed a trip to Milwaukee with him.

P. D. Scofield and C. H. Royce have not returned for this term, but are at present attending a business college at Milwaukee.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the preliminary contest in debate which will occur some time in the near future.

Mr. Pratt was a visitor at chapel one morning of late. We enjoy such visits and

only wish that more of Lake Forest's citizens would make them.

Mr. Kickbusch of Wausau, Wis., is a valuable addition to our society, coming here from St. John's Military School. We hear that he is "in it" at the Sem. so soon.

The orations of the Senior Class have been returned for preparation with a view to delivering them before the societies shortly. An oration is required every three weeks.

A letter from J. M. Flint says he had the drum of one of his ears fractured for the third time in the recent snow ball fight between the Freshman and Sophomore classes in Princeton.

E. C. Owen is gladly welcomed back by the Tri Kappa Society, to which he belonged while attending the Academy here in '89. The base ball men are also rejoicing over his return.

Many complaints are heard concerning the mail which comes to the Academy boys through Mitchell Hall. The gentleman who carries the mail from Mitchell Hall should be more regular and attentive to his duty.

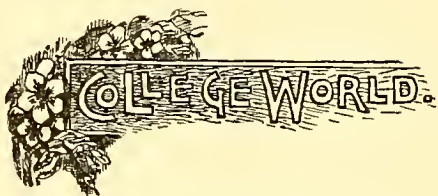
The Senior Class held a stormy meeting Jan. 15, at which time McFerran was elected President, Gunzenhauser Vice-President, and Fales Secretary. The class expects to present something quite novel on the evening they graduate.

The officers for the ensuing term were chosen Wednesday, Jan. 13. The election resulted as follows: President, E. C. Yaggy; Vice-President, E. A. Pollock; Secretary, F. Grant; Treasurer, C. E. Durand; Seargent-at-Arms, F. C. Albrecht; STENTOR Correspondent, F. Grant.

Some way the fellows don't attend the Academy prayer meeting very well. We dislike to think that it is a lack of interest in the meeting that keeps them away, but we shall be forced to that conclusion if the attend-

ance grows less. Let us make improvement in this one direction if possible.

Pending the coming contest which is to take place some time the latter part of this term, Tri Kappa held her preliminary contest in declamation on the 20th. There were six contestants: N. W. Flint, E. C. Yaggy, C. E. Durand, H. S. McClanahan, B. S. Cutler, and C. A. Allenburger. The judges, Prof. Thomas, Prof. McNeil, and Prof. Morris, gave first place to Mr. Flint, and second to Mr. Yaggy. The contest was exceedingly fine and close. We were glad to see several ladies in the audience.



EXCHANGES.

Base-ball practice has begun in nearly all the large colleges.

Evanston will play ball with the University of Michigan some time in May.

The *Inlander*, published at Michigan University, is unexcelled as a literary college magazine.

An elegant new hospital was dedicated about ten days ago at the University of Michigan.

A law has been passed in Russia forbidding the gathering of more than seventy students in one theatre.

Fraternities have recently been re-admitted to the University of Illinois. Several have already been organized there.

The *Beloit Round Table* is as fine a college paper as comes to our table, considering the size of the college which it represents.

"Talking about literary style, there goes a man noted for his finished sentences." "Indeed! Is he a novelist?" "No; he is an ex-convict."

Yale and Princeton have lost a majority of the men who played in last year's championship games. At Harvard, all but two of the old nine have returned.

A lady named Biddy McGuire
Had trouble in lighting the fire;
Said she with a smile—
"I'll use kerosene ile!"

* * *

N. B.—She's gone where the fuel is drier.

The main building of the University of Missouri, valued at \$400,000, was lately burned. It contained the library of 40,000 volumes and other valuable property. The governor of the state has called an extra session of the Legislature, one of the chief objects being the voting of an appropriation to rebuild.

The "co-eds" at Ann Arbor recently held a meeting to discuss the "social problems" which confront the college girl. One of the principal questions was the hour for closing entertainments. It was voted that all entertainments (with certain exceptions) should close before 1 o'clock A. M. It might be well to introduce a similar limit here. [With certain exceptions.—Ed.]

No recent event in inter-collegiate circles has attracted so much attention, as the joint debate between representatives of Yale and Harvard. The governor of Massachusetts presided, and there was a very large attendance. The question discussed was: "Resolved, that a young man casting his first ballot in 1892 should vote for the nominees of the Democratic party." There were six speakers, each one of whom was allowed fifteen minutes. No decision was rendered.



AMONG THE ALUMNI.

Geo. W. King is in business in Joliet.

'94. H. W. Jones is attending the State University at Bloomington, Ind.

'89. Grant Stroh addressed a Freeport congregation recently on missions.

Dr. Bissell, of Hartford, will address the students of McCormick in the near future.

Chas. G. Macklin, who left the Academy in the spring of '90 is studying law at Ann Arbor.

Newton Mereness who attended the Academy during the year '87-'88 is now at Ann Arbor.

John Meaker High is studying for the stage. He will probably make his first appearance at the Park.

'91. Wm. Godfrey is not attending Ann Arbor this year but is at home doctoring his eyes. He expects to go west in the spring and assay for a mining company.

'95 W. D. Curtis has left college and will work in his father's office at Metropolis the remainder of the year. Meanwhile he will keep up his work and continue with '95 next fall.

Graham Lee and B. A. Konkle visited Rev. G. D. Heuver at Milwaukee, a short time ago and addressed his congregation. Mr. Lee on Foreign and Mr. Konkle on Home Missions. Mr. Heuver is pastor of a fine church, and is very successful in the ministry.

'92. Paul W. Linebarger is minute clerk in Judge Wm. S. Everett's court, and already after a couple months experience, is one of the best in Chicago. He spent about two years "over the way" visiting France, Germany,

Spain, Italy, and Algeria, and put in his time attending school in Bordeaux, and walking for nearly nine months through Spain. He speaks and reads fluently in the German, French, Spanish and Italian tongues.

Dr. W. C. Roberts returned Jan. 23rd from New York City, where the revision committee has been in session for ten days. The committee examined all the answers of the Presbyteries, which have been put in pamphlet form, and made a number of changes in the work already done. The utmost harmony and kindly feelings were maintained throughout all the sessions. When the report is completed all will doubtless sign it.

'89. Rev. Mr. Wilson, of the Hartford Theological Seminary, has made a good impression in this city and the Presbyterians will ask him to officiate in their church until he concludes his studies in June.

The Second Congregationalists would like Mr. Wilson for their assistant pastor, if he could be induced to accept that position. If Mr. Wilson does not become a resident of this city it will be his own fault.—*The Holyoke Daily Transcript*.

Mr. Wilson's services are in demand. He has had several calls to influential churches.

LATE NEWS.

The University Club met the evening of Jan. 26.

The Albino Club went to Millburn Friday evening.

Prof. McNeil read his paper on astronomy in Chicago not long since.

A banjo class has been organized and a teacher from Chicago secured.

The Y. M. C. A. held a business meeting Jan. 26, and adopted a new constitution.

Dr. McPherson made the addresses the day of prayer. He is very popular out here.

The Freshman boys will give the girls of

the class a "feast" Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, in the college. Verily this class seems to love its girls better every day.

The base-ball candidates are practicing daily in the gym., running a certain distance and practicing in the ball cage. The faithfulness of a man's work and not his playing will assure him success.

George W. Cable, the celebrated novelist, gave a reading in Ferry Hall chapel Jan. 30 for the benefit of the Athenaeum Society. The reading was well attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all lovers of literature. The program rendered was as follows:

PART I.

1. Narcisse's Discourse on his "Handwritings."
2. Borrowing Scene. John and Mary Richling and Narcisse.
3. The Widow Riley and Narcisse. More borrowing.
4. Mrs. Riley and Richling discuss matrimony.

PART II.

1. Mrs. Riley changes her name.
2. Narcisse announces the "melancholic intelligens" of Lady Byron's death.
3. A Sound of Drums. Death of Narcisse.
4. Mary's Night Ride.

Mr. Cable remained over Sunday and spoke to the students Sunday evening.

A word as to the management of the gym. At present there is no system about it at all. The blame can no longer be laid on the trustees or Frye. It must rest on the students. There are some fellows who live in the building, who appropriate every piece of apparatus to their individual use, and have no more idea of care for property than an animal. We have two good bowling alleys. They are being ruined. Some bright minds conceived the idea of throwing the wooden balls into the tank to dive for. They are there yet. Some day soon these bright youths will pitch the mattresses and bath-tubs in and dive for them. College students and the older "cads" go over to take a little exercise, or a swim, and what do they find? The tank is full of

little "cads," the bowling alleys teem with them, they sit by the hour in the bath tubs and seem to soak their immortal souls. Up stairs everything is covered with them, all whooping and yelling like a band of wild Indians. This class should be given separate hours and *not allowed there* except during those hours. We are positive the more sensible cads, as well as the college fellows, earnestly wish the Gym. Committee to take this in hand. It will *have* to be done with the ball team in training.

A BELIEVER IN EXAMS.

Editor Stentor:

I believe in *honest* examinations, i. e. fair questions by the professor in charge, and conscientious answers by the students. Such examinations with the accompanying review, stimulate *thought* and cause the earnest student to systematize the results of the work of the term which otherwise are left oftentimes in a confused and unsatisfactory condition.

Have students review for themselves and have examinations in *class hours*. This method will give at least a week's additional advance instruction and will be appreciated by students. Have the questions general i. e. such as call out the relations of part to whole; the details have been brought out in daily class-room work.

I believe that in order to bring about more faithful work by the students, the "passing" mark should be raised. Pass no one whose average for daily work and examination is not 80 per cent. or above. This will make us work harder and will be appreciated by us ten years hence, if not now.

The method of examinations suggested and raising the required grade of work will, it seems to me, do away with "cribbing" and make "those abominable examinations" what they should be—an aid and delight to the faithful student. WILLIAM N. MCKEE.